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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

Notes

February 9, 1950

The Department of Agriculture has announced that acreage allotments will not be established for 1950 crop soybean production.

The price of the 1950 wool crop is going to be supported at 90 percent of the March 15 parity price, the maximum support allowed by the Agricultural Act of 1949, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

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The Department of Agriculture reports that the world food situation generally continued to improve in 1949, and at the beginning of 1950 food consumption in most deficit areas was at the highest level since the war, according to the 1950 World Food Situation Report prepared by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relation

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Tractor numbers have more than doubled since 1940. Number on farms in 1949 totaled 3.5 million compared with 1.5 million in 1940 and only about one-quarter million in 1920, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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North Dakota support prices for the 1950 potato crop will range from a low of \$1.25 per hundredweight in September 1950 to a high of \$1.70 in March 1951 for U.S. No. 1 U.S. Commercial and U.S. No. 2 grade potatoes, 2 inch minimum, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Assistance is provided under the Agricultural Conservation Program to help farmers establish approved conservation practices on their farms.

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North Dakota farmers are urged by the Production and Marketing Administration to look for the verified origin seed tag on the alfalfa seed they buy this spring, in order to determine that the seed is adaptable to this area.

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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

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February 23, 1950

The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that the Nation's farm operators in 1949 realized 17 percent less net income from farming than in 1948.

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Foods included on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Plentiful Food List for March include: Eggs, pork and pork products, hens, dried beans, fish, carrots, cabbage, Irish potatoes, lettuce, canned corn, canned lima beans, apples, canned peaches, and raisins and dried prunes.

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During 1946-47 to 1948-49 the United States exported an average of 463 million bushels of wheat and flour - nine times as much as prewar, and became the leading exporter, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Livestock and poultry on farms and ranches showed a net increase during 1949 for the first time since January 1943, according to the annual January 1 inventory of livestock on farms recently issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Don't keep bran, shorts, and other mill feed or empty bags near stored grain. Often they contain insects brought in from the mill. These insects will feed on the stored grain until they are killed by fumigation, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

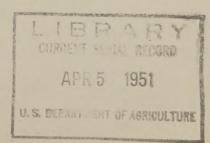
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Farm production in 1949 was about 35 percent over the 1935-39 average, making possible the 10 to 12 percent increased per capita food consumption over the pre-war years, 1935-39, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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So much depends on agriculture that the Nation cannot afford to allow farmers to waste the soil and water resources of the country, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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